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made through a utility after expending reasonable efforts to collect, a utility may treat the entire unpaid amount as due but services to a residential customer may not be terminated because of the default." Well, my God, John, who is going to pay for that, if the consumer doesn't, the person who is taking the loan out? John, in Section 24, okay, this is in the amendments now, page 3, it allows for a customer to do some of the work himself or herself if he or she does the type of work that he specifies to the utility when obtaining a loan. Now if I, Pat Venditte, go in and get that loan and I say to the utility I am going to do that work, John, will I get paid for doing that work? I will get paid for doing it? Oh, okay. And John, in Section 39 of the bill, it says, we are talking now about the various exemptions, and in (c) there, why is the federal government being exempt, John?

SENATOR DeCAMP: I will answer them all.

SENATOR VENDITTE: And for more dangerous reading, read on. Any way, John, those are the questions.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President....we've got you.

SENATOR VENDITTE: If you support those, then I will support the advancement of the bill and I will have these amendments on Select File.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, four major questions, number one had to do with the weatherization fund and the \$480,000. Senator Venditte, you weren't here probably, didn't get the information. The weatherization fund has been removed from the bill because we resolved that issue. The Energy Office, Mr. Palmer and Governor Thone and Senator Fowler and a number of others have worked out a solution that is even more satisfactory than what we had in the bill. That becomes a moot question. Number two, what energy devices was your question, is it just anything? And you had an amendment that would add about ten words that say "the energy saving devices...", if you will look at pages 6 and 7 of the bill, you will find what energy devices and the definitions, standards and restrictions here are about fifty times more specific, tight and clear than your proposed amendment. Question number three, you discussed the not cutting off of energy because of an unpaid bill. Specifically dealt with there is only the unpaid, I repeat, the unpaid portion attributed to the device installed itself or the thing there which they have a lien for so they have amount of